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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in a Japanese Office Action with a mailing date of 22 July 2008. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed herewith. Applicant advises that JP 4-84501 cited in the Office Action was listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 30 December 2004 and acknowledged by the Examiner in the Official Action dated 28 March 2008.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

US 7,238,192 corresponds to JP 2003-325484.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):



- (1) within three (3) months of the Filing Date, before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; or

- ☒ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, and
- ☒ the requisite Statement is below, OR
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STATEMENT

Applicants hereby state that:

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- ☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached

Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

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Respectfully submitted,

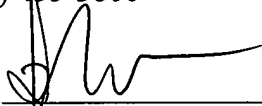
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